

# ANNOUNCING

## **[NEW] ACF Launches Healthy Marriage Initiative Website**

**WHO:** All those interested in the Healthy Marriage Initiative.

**WHAT:** The Healthy Marriage Initiative (HMI) exists to help couples, who have chosen marriage for themselves, gain greater access to marriage education services, on a voluntary basis, where they can acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage. As President Bush has pointed out, "Research has shown that, on average, children raised in households headed by married parents fare better than children who grow up in other family structures. Through education and counseling programs, faith-based, community, and government organizations promote healthy marriages and a better quality of life for children. By supporting responsible child-rearing and strong families, my Administration is seeking to ensure that every child can grow up in a safe and loving home."

**CONTACT:** Visit the website at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/healthymarriage/index.html>.